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SUBJECT: NASA TRACKING STATION

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1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM MALAGASY EMBASSY CONCERNING NOVEMBER 12 MEETING WITH GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO ON NASA STATION. SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 12 MEETING CONTENTS SEPTEL.

2. NOTE INDICATES GOMR (1) CONSIDERS NOVEMBER 12 MEETING INFORMAL DISCUSSION RATHER THAN DEFINITE EXPRESSION GOMR POSITION AND (2) BASES ITS INTERPRETATION REGARDING RENTAL PAYMENT SOLELY ON OCTOBER 7, 1963 AGREEMENT AND EXCLUDES AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE NOTE OF OCTOBER 26, 1964 WHICH INFORMED GOMR OF APT INSTALLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1963 AGREEMENT.

3. CONTINUING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE APT EQUIPMENT, NOTE STATES THERE WAS (A) NO DETERMINATION BY GOMR WHETHER THE INSTALLATION OF APT EQUIPMENT "FORMALLY AND EFFECTIVELY" FULFILLED THE TERMS OF THE 1963 AGREEMENT AND (B) NO

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SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THE AMEMBASSY NOTE OF 1964 TO THE

QUESTION OF RENT FOR THE PROPERTY. MALAGASY EMBASSY NOTE REFERS TO THE FACT THAT THE PENDING TRANSFER OF APT EQUIPMENT WAS ALREADY PLANNED BY NASA WITH NO DIRECT RELATION TO THE QUESTION OF RENT NOW UNDER CURRENT DISCUSSION.

4. GOMR KEEN INTEREST IN SETTLING THE QUESTION OF RETROACTIVE PAYMENT BEFORE EXPIRATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT ON DECEMBER 31, 1973 IS ALSO MENTIONED.

5. MOST SURPRISING CHANGE IN POSITION IS STATEMENT THAT THE 2000 MALAGASY FRANCS PER HECTARE AGREED TO DURING THE NOVEMBER 12 MEETING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL GOMR AGREEMENT TO THIS FIGURE WHICH IS BASED ON RURAL LAND NORMALLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. NOTE STATES THAT THE VALUE OF THE RENT NASA SHOULD PAY WOULD BE IN RELATION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSTALLATION.

6. BEFORE REPLYING TO THE NOTE, DEPT PLANS AWAIT ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MENDENHALL FOR INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION. KISSINGER

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